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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Bullying The NATO Partners

THE recent Soviet notes to Norway and Denmark call for study by the free world if for no other reason than that they contain significant contradictions. The Premier of Norway is assured that the Russian government "notes with satisfaction that the Norwegian government is keeping its promise not to grant foreign forces bases; Denmark is reminded that she has a special role as guardian of important international straits on which normal sea connections of all Baltic states with the outer world are dependent."

Both statements are true. Both draw attention to facts which would seem to ordinary people to call for appreciation. But this is not the way the Communist rulers of Russia see the position. Strange and dangerous ideas are abroad in the Kremlin; and Marshal Bulganin's real tone is very different.

In the note to Norway, for example, he asserts, without offering any evidence or proof, that "the international situation has become very acute recently." He refers to NATO bases and proceeds, as though it were a principle which everyone would accept, to make the astonishing claim that it is, of course, a natural right and duty for any state exposed to attack to make sure that bases which are set up for the purpose of attack are liquidated as such. Moreover he insists that it is the natural and inalienable right to self-defence for Russia to make such bases a legitimate target.

It would certainly have been interesting if the Hungarian government last autumn had exercised its "natural and inalienable right to self-defence" by making sure that Soviet bases "set up for the purpose of attack" were "liquidated at once." But what Hungarian government, nor any of the free world dream of doing. Bulganin says the Soviet government would do.

It is true that such action would constitute a flagrant breach of the United Nations charter, which Russia is pledged to observe. But at the present state of history few people, whatever they may hope, expect the Soviet government to fulfil its obligations under the charter.

The fact is that Marshal Bulganin's wild charges against Norway and Denmark are part of a much larger and very sinister campaign. Thus the people of Britain, West Germany, Greece and Turkey have also been the target of Soviet threats. Russian excuses for this violence in tone include the allegation that the North Atlantic alliance is an "aggressive bloc."

THE Soviet leaders appear blandly unaware that much stronger reasons for the same charge from the NATO side could be brought against them — recently Russia decided to strengthen the Warsaw Pact in what Bulganin described as a most resolute manner, and many Soviet leaders have boasted about the power of their military weapons. The realities of NATO are utterly different. It is essentially a defensive organisation, with today less emphasis on its military characteristics and more on its striving toward common political, economic and cultural goals.

ANOTHER A-BOMB TEST BY RUSSIA

Washington, Apr. 10. The Atomic Energy Commission announced today that Russia had exploded another nuclear device in its current test series. It said the explosion

was "somewhat larger" than preceding ones. It was the third announced Soviet nuclear weapons test in eight days. The Commission said on Monday that the

Russians had tested an atomic weapon on April 6. The Saturday before it said they had detonated an explosion on April 6. None of the brief announcements, made

by the AEC chairman, Mr Lewis Strauss, has given the number or size of the weapons tested. Mr Strauss said today, however, "The latest explosion was somewhat

larger than preceding ones."

It was the 21st announcement of Soviet atomic explosions since the Russians tested their first in September, 1949.

Many of the announcements have referred to series of explosions and it is believed the Russians have tested slightly more than 40. — United Press.

NOW MOSCOW WARNS ARABS

"US Bases In Middle East Will Be Liquidated If War Starts"

Russians Tell Of 'The Power Of Our Bombs'

London, Apr. 10. Moscow Radio warned Middle East nations today that United States bases on their territory would be destroyed if war came.

The warning followed similar threats against European countries which emphasised the retaliatory power of the Soviet Union in an atomic war. "The power of the atomic and hydrogen weapons of the Soviet Union, their destructive might, is so enormous that blows delivered to destroy the aggressors would inevitably affect large areas around these bases," the radio declared.

'Let Us Imagine...'

The broadcast said: "What is the destiny of those countries in which US military bases are being established? What is the destiny of those countries in which US military bases are being established? What is the destiny of those countries in which US military bases are being established?"

'Very Dangerous...'

"The question of US military bases is a very dangerous one. This should be realised by everyone. World peace demands the liquidation of the American military bases established in other countries, including Turkey, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia."

The Trend...

"There are other reports that America is trying to acquire concessions for the establishment of military bases in Lebanon and Israel," it added. "All these activities and reports show convincingly the trend of US policy towards the establishment and expansion of US military bases in the Near and Middle East and in Africa." — United Press.

CHARGED WITH GROWING OPIUM POPPIES

Charged with cultivating opium poppies, three farmers, including a woman, were remanded for two days in Police custody by Mr Hin-shing Lo, at Central Prison today.

BIGGER SHIPS CAN USE CANAL

Cairo Apr. 10. The Suez Canal is open to ships of more than 33 feet draft from today, the Egyptian Suez Canal authority announced tonight.

A source close to the Egyptian Canal authority said earlier today that the Canal was open to all ships of up to 30½ feet draft, but that work was proceeding to get the canal open to ships of maximum draft "in about a week."

(The Suez Canal in normal times can take ships with a draft of up to 34 feet, an official of the old Suez Canal company in Paris said yesterday.)

Test voyages through the Canal had been made by ships with a draft of 34 feet six inches and 35 feet before Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal, he said.

According to a Port Said report the 10,805-ton American tanker Barbara was expected to go through the Suez Canal within a few days and pay tolls to the Egyptian Canal authority, the local agents for the Marine Transport Line of New York said today. It would be the first American ship to pass through the Canal on Egyptian terms.

REUTERS & UNITED PRESS.

MINES NEAR SUEZ

London, Apr. 10. The Minister of Transport, Mr Harold Watkinson, told the House of Commons today he had not yet received a definite reply concerning the clearance of mines in the Suez Canal.

Mr Watkinson said: "I am not aware that there is any question of mines being laid down in the Suez Canal itself, but the Secretary-General of the U.N. was asked for information about mines in the north part of the Gulf of Suez."

"I have not yet received a definite reply from the Secretary-General, but we understand the clearance of mines is in progress." — United Press.

'CONTINUING'

Washington, Apr. 10. Mr Lincoln White, the State Department spokesman said today he would describe the Cairo negotiations on the operation of the Suez Canal as "continuing."

A correspondent asked Mr White if he agreed with reports which suggested that the Cairo negotiations had all but broken down, Mr White replied: "No sir, I would not. I would describe these talks as continuing." — Reuters.

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Paris, Apr. 10. Courting and succeeding, one of the grandfathers of the modern motorcar, took pride in but briefly to the road again in Paris today—to pay its respects to Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

JORDAN CRISIS: ARMY SET UP ROADBLOCKS

Beirut, Apr. 10. Jordanian troops seized control of major roads in Jordan today in the government crisis clash between King Hussein and the Leftist premier, Suliman Nabulsi.

Communications with the Jordanian capital of Amman were cut off, but it was known that troops had thrown up roadblocks on all major roads in the country.

Whether the Army would support the 22-year-old British-educated King against Leftist elements was not known. It was generally believed they were loyal to him. But it was clear the Army held the balance of power in the crisis.

Relations With Russia

There was little news out of Jordan except for the formal announcement today that King Hussein had asked for and obtained Nabulsi's resignation as Premier.

The crisis was brought on by Nabulsi's insistence on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia. The King flatly refused to allow the move.

There had been a conflict between Nabulsi and the King over where Jordan should stand in East-West relations ever since the Premier took office.

Nabulsi wanted to follow Egypt and Syria as a "positive neutralist" in making friends with the Communist bloc. The King was seriously concerned over his country's first swing from the West to the neutralist Arab bloc.

In spite of the clash in some policies between the King and

Neighbour's Views On Hussein's Action

Tel Aviv, Apr. 10. Competent Israeli circles said today the resignation of the Jordan Cabinet appeared to indicate that the pro-Egyptian element was losing ground.

Bagdad radio tonight praised King Hussein for dismissing Nabulsi, because he had carried out a "lenient policy towards Communism" despite the King's directives urging him to fight against "Communist infiltration in Jordan."

The radio's daily news commentary said the Nabulsi Cabinet "failed to realise the consequences of its policy and the dangers which it will create."

What Benefit?

The commentator asked: "What was the benefit to Arabs of Nabulsi's decision to establish diplomatic relations with Russia, when this decision coincided with Russia's sending back her ambassador to Israel, which means a step towards more co-operation between Russia and Israel?"

The radio praised the "national policy" followed by King Hussein and Saudi Arabia's King Saud, who both "strive to keep their nations from Communist dangers." — France Press.

BIG EARTHQUAKE IN ALASKA AREA

Victoria, B.C., Apr. 10. The Dominion Astrophysical Observatory recorded "a major earthquake" today "in the vicinity of the Alaska Peninsula."

It was reported to have been stronger than the recent tremors which were felt in San Francisco.

An observatory official said the earthquake had a magnitude of "between six and one-half and seven" on the Richter scale. The tremor in the San Francisco area on March 22 had a reading of "between five

and one-quarter and five and one-half," he said.

He said the tremor had occurred northwest of Victoria and guessed that its location would be on the Alaska Peninsula and not the Aleutian Islands, where some 20 quakes were recorded last month.

The official said the area of today's earthquake was probably uninhabited and that if it were not, "there would be considerable damage to any communities, and possible total destruction, depending upon the type of tremor and the structures in the community." — United Press.

Soviet Sailors To See 'War And Peace' Film

Singapore, Apr. 10. Immigration authorities today lifted shore leave restrictions for crew members of Russian ships in Singapore harbour so they can see the film "War and Peace" from Tolstoy's Russian classic.

Normally, crew members of ships from Russia and other Communist-controlled countries are allowed shore leave only between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. A senior official of the immigration department said.

because of the "unusual circumstances" authorities were prepared to grant a special pass for Russian sailors to see the film on the premiere night tomorrow.

Crews of two Russian ships due here tomorrow from Vladivostok have been invited to the film.

They are the freighters the 1,712-ton Nikolai Nekrasov and the 5,064-ton Dmitry Donskoy. — Reuters.

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No Response From Eoka

London, Apr. 10. The Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, said today that no response in Cyprus had been taken advantage of Britain's offer of safe conduct from the island.

In a written Parliamentary reply, the Colonial Secretary said that Colonel George Grivas, leader of Eoka terrorists in Cyprus, had made no response to the offer.

"No term has yet been set to the duration of the offer," he said.

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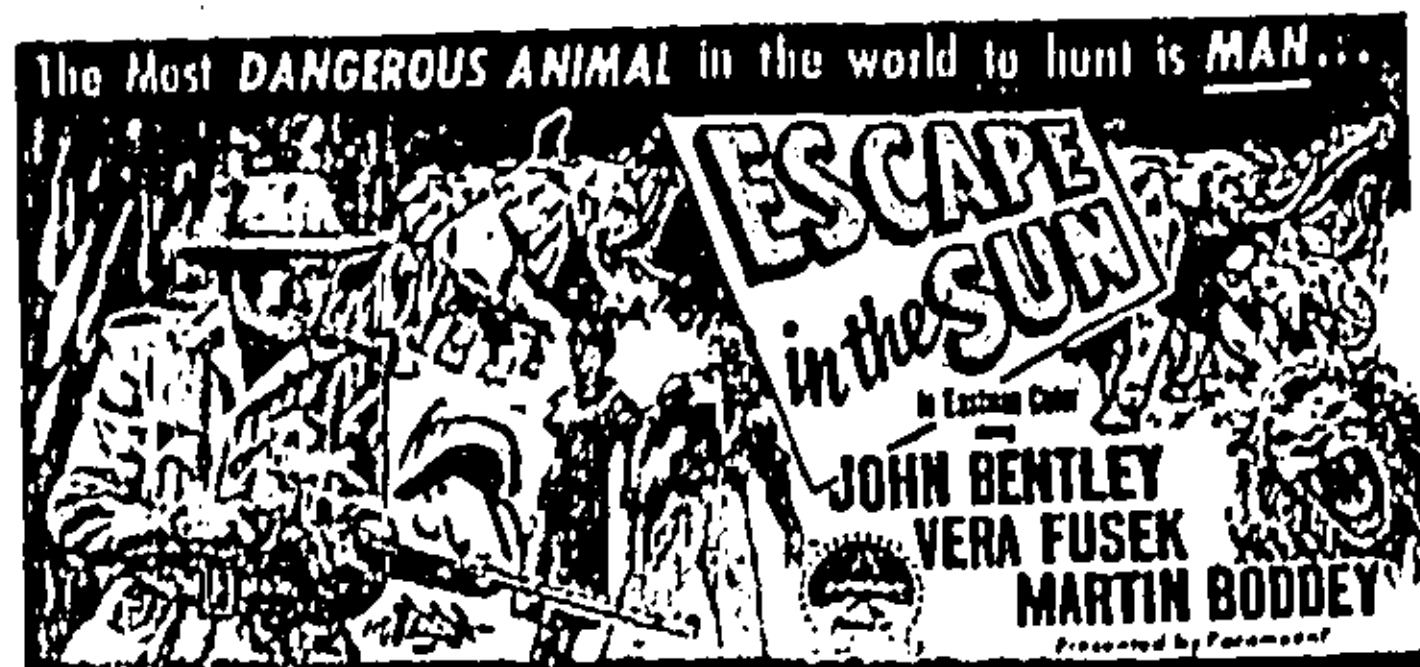
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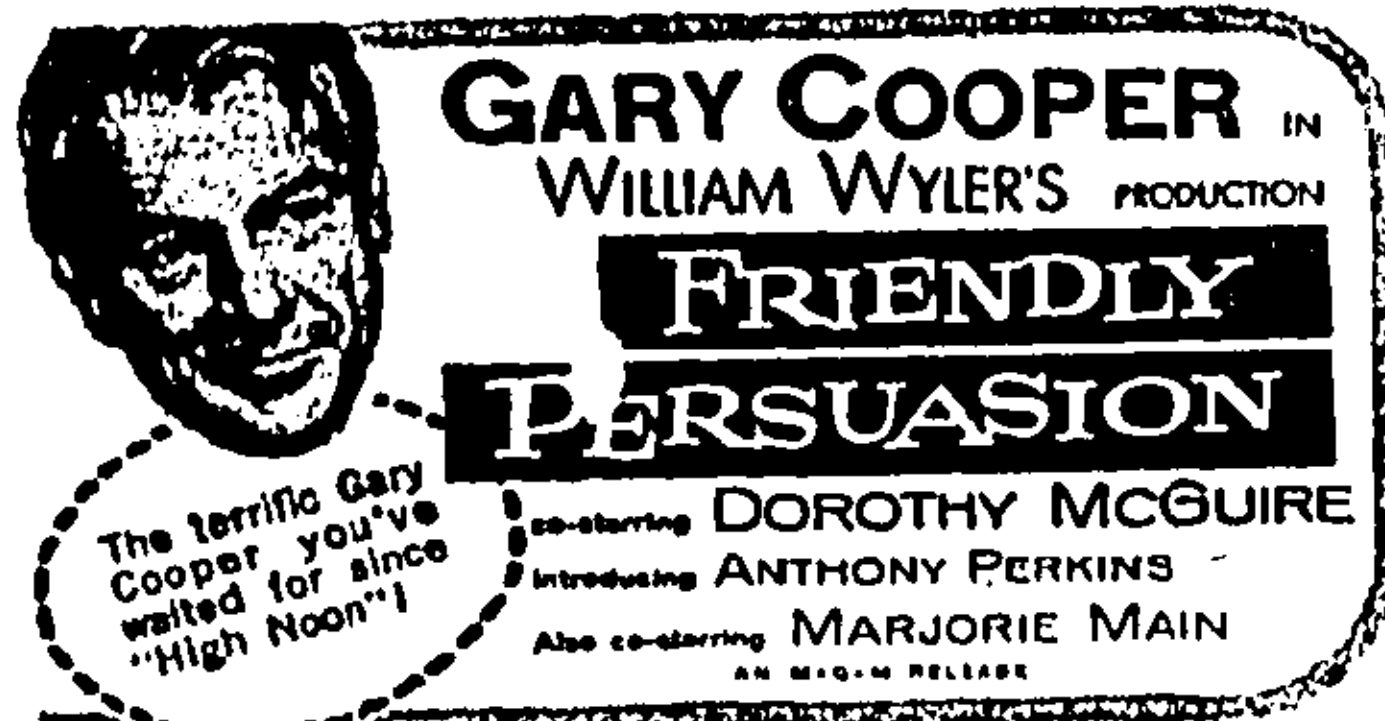


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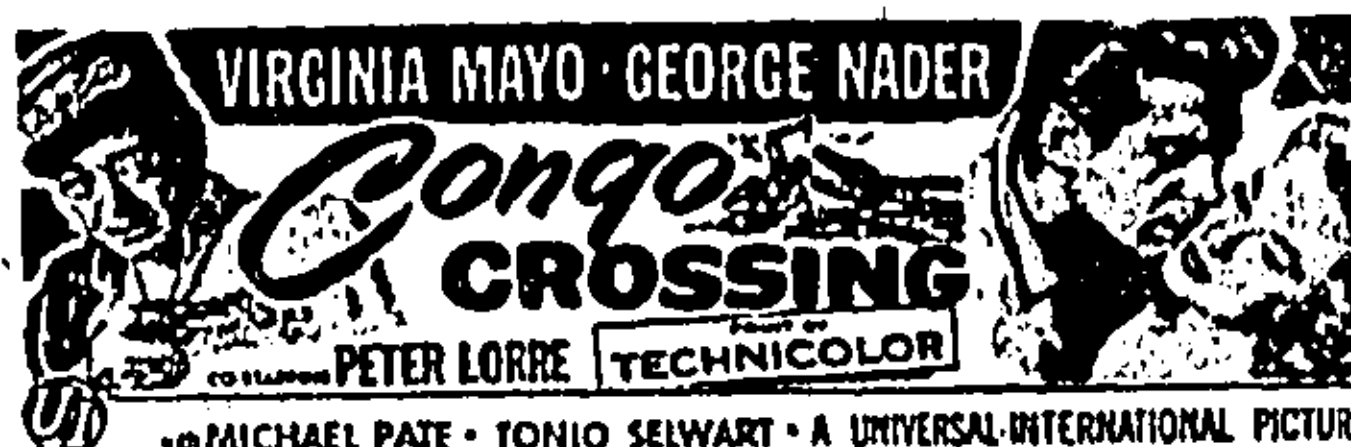
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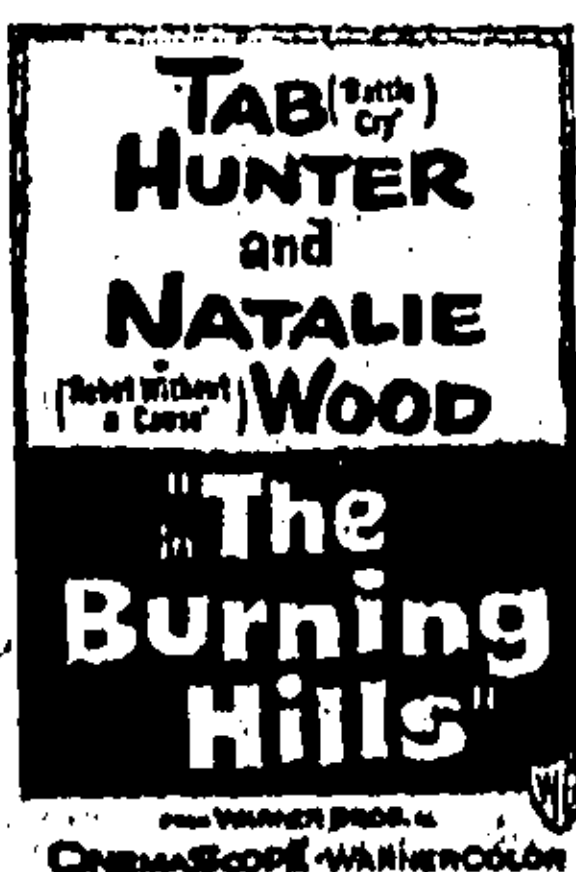
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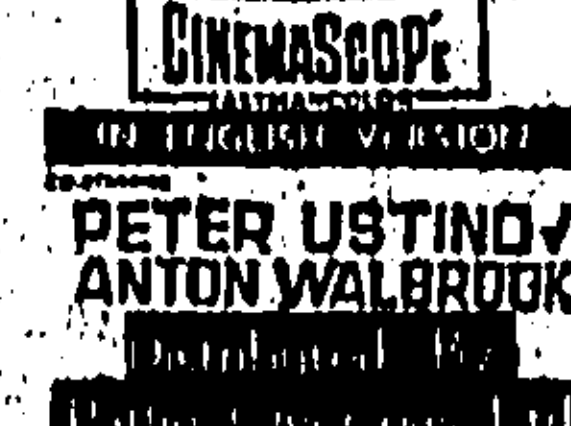


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Emergency Force

Creation Will Count In Preserving Future Peace

United Nations, Apr. 10.

Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld said tonight the creation of a United Nations Emergency Force for the Middle East "will count in future efforts to preserve peace and promote justice."

He said there could be differences of opinion as to the wisdom of certain steps taken by the UN in recent months, but that all could agree on the value and historical importance of the formation of UNEF and United Nations clearance of the Suez Canal.

Hammarskjöld, speaking at the 50th anniversary dinner of the American Jewish Committee, said:

"First of all, it proved possible in an emergency to create for the first time a truly international force. This force, although modest in size and, for constitutional reasons, also modest in aim, broke new ground which inevitably will count in future efforts to preserve peace and promote justice."

"I think we can likewise agree that the fact that the United Nations could undertake and carry through a major field operation like the clearance of the Suez Canal, where the government was in a position to accomplish the task, indicated possibilities for international organization which, once proven, cannot in the future be disregarded."

Principle Maintained

"Finally, deeply regrettable though the conflicts of views and interests were, it should not be forgotten that those who feel they had to sacrifice for the maintenance of principle in a difficult situation may be the first to profit from the fact that the principle was maintained."

"As individuals we know that the law which restrains us like the law which restrains the world holds true in international life. Hammarskjöld, who returned recently from talks with President Gamal Abdel Nasser and other Egyptian officials on the Middle East crisis, said nations were "only at the very beginning" of a change from a world of armaments to one of international security."

"The efforts may seem hopeless," he said, "it will prove hopeless unless we, all of us, show persistence... and unless peoples and governments alike are willing to take smaller immediate risks in order to have a better chance to avoid the final disaster threatening us if we do not manage to turn the course of developments in a new direction."

Development

The Secretary-General said the United Nations was in a difficult stage of its development.

"It is still too weak to provide the security desired by all, while being strong enough and alive enough effectively to point out the direction in which the solution must be sought," he said.

"In its present phase the organization may look to many like a preacher who cannot impose the law he states or realize the gospel he interprets. It is understandable if those who have this impression turn away."



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PROTESTS AGAINST ALLEGED SHOOTING

Cairo, Apr. 10.

Arab League Secretary-General Abdel-Khalek Hassouna said today two Yemeni citizens were killed last week when British forces attacked an Arab League mission on the Yemen's southern border.

"The British authorities seem to be trying to provoke the Arab world and increase even further tension between Britain and the Arabs," he declared. He said he had received news of the incident, which allegedly occurred on April 6, in a personal message from the Yemen's Imam Ahmed.

The message said that two Yemenis were killed and two others wounded when the mission was attacked at El Belda near the Aden-Yemen border.

SHOCKED

"I am shocked by the persistence of the British authorities in resorting to force and meeting with violence a political mission representing nine Arab League states," Hassouna said.

In the name of the Arab League I denounce this aggression which is contrary to international principles."

The Yemeni Charge d'Affaires in London today handed a new protest to the Foreign Office, the second in two days.

The latest note protested against the alleged machine-gunning by British forces at El Belda, on Yemen territory.

United Press and France-Press.

Socialist Mission For Red China

Tokyo, Apr. 10.

A Japanese Socialist Party Mission of 10, led by Party Secretary General Inejiro Asanuma, left here tonight for Peking.

Mr. Asanuma said he will see Communist Chinese Government officials and informally discuss restoration of diplomatic relations between Japan and Communist China.—Reuter.

FRANCE AGAINST US DISARMAMENT PROPOSALS

London, Apr. 10.

M. Jules Moch, French delegate to the current talks in the United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee here, today disagreed with proposals by his United States colleague, Mr. Harold Stassen, on reductions in conventional armaments, a Western Conference source stated here.

Instead, M. Moch was quoted as calling for a new approach to the problem.

Mr. Stassen at a recent session suggested a 10 per cent reduction in armaments in the first year after reaching a disarmament agreement, to be followed by a further fifteen per cent reduction in the following year, making altogether a 25 per cent cut over two years.

M. Moch, according to the source, said one should first determine what amount of armaments were needed by each power. Then each power should reduce its armaments, and not only its men under arms, to that level.

Certain countries—he was stated not to have mentioned names—had much more armaments than were necessary for their troops.

Little Progress

If they carried out simple percentage cuts in armaments, as suggested by Mr. Stassen, they would still have more than other countries, and could quickly recall reservists to use these stocks of arms.

M. Moch was chairman and made the chief speech at today's meeting, the hundredth.

At the start of the proceedings he remarked that it was discouraging to see how little progress had been made during the four years of discussions.

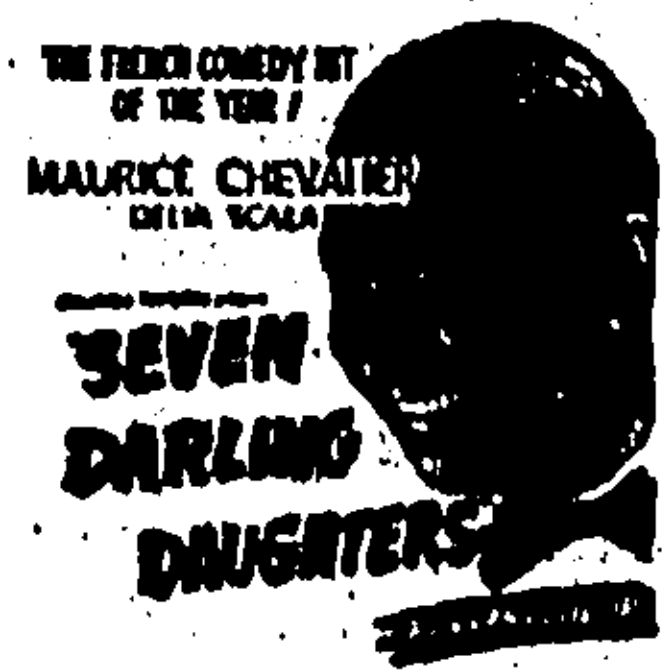
At the meetings, which are attended by the United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and Canada, both East and West are agreed that the forces of the great powers—United States, Soviet Union and China—should initially be reduced to 2,500,000 each, and those of Britain and France to 750,000 each.

Ineffective

M. Moch was quoted as saying that, in addition to agreeing on manpower levels, it was important to know at each

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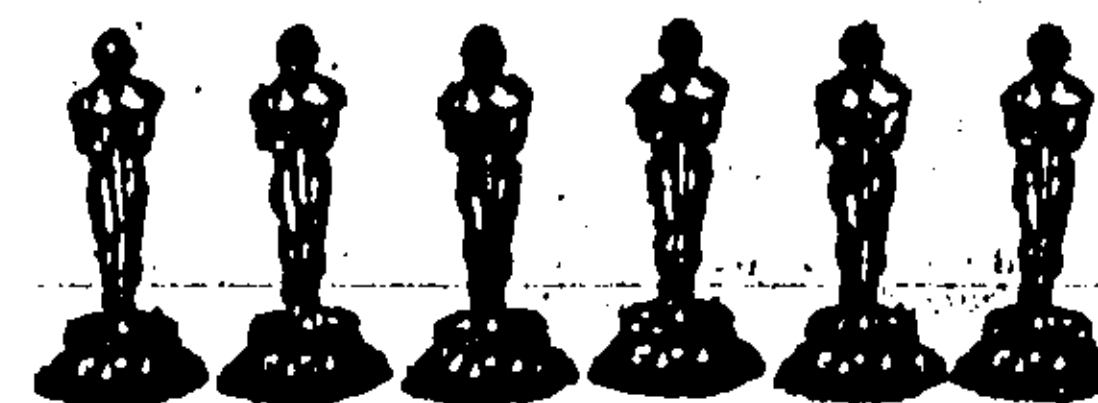
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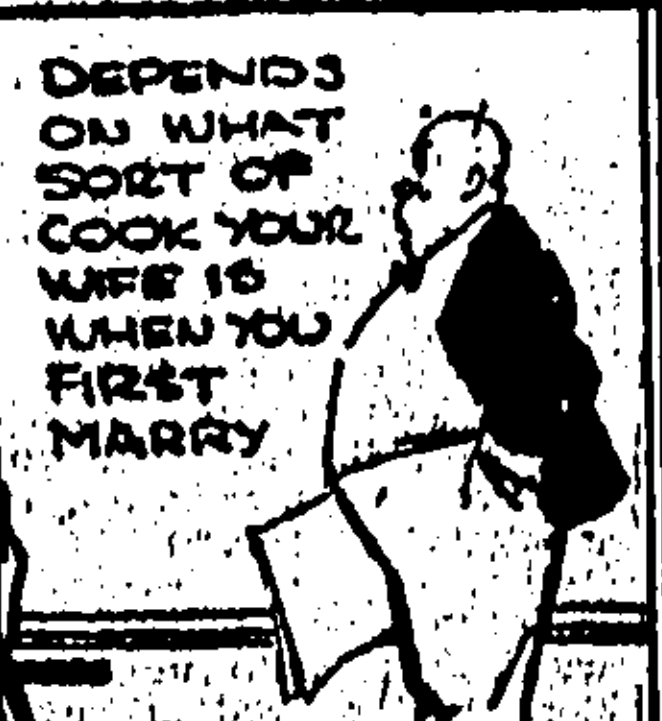
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EGYPT AND MIDEAST PROBLEMS

Nutting In Karachi



Karachi, Apr. 10. Mr. Anthony Nutting, who resigned from the British Cabinet over the Suez crisis, arrived here today by air from Ceylon to meet leaders of the Pakistan Government.

During his two-day visit, Mr. Nutting will stay at the State Guest House. He is expected to write a series of articles for the New York Herald Tribune.

United Press.

BEVAN CALLS FOR EARLY WORLD TALKS

New Delhi, Apr. 10. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, the British Labour Party's chief foreign affairs spokesman, today called for an early meeting of the world's top statesmen to prevent a drift "towards the disaster of an atomic war."

Mr. Bevan, who is visiting India, told the Indian Council of World Affairs here that another crisis like that over Suez might "blow up the human race."

Mr. Bevan, whose hour-long speech was interrupted frequently by prolonged cheers at the packed meeting, also said American policy towards Communist countries was outdated.

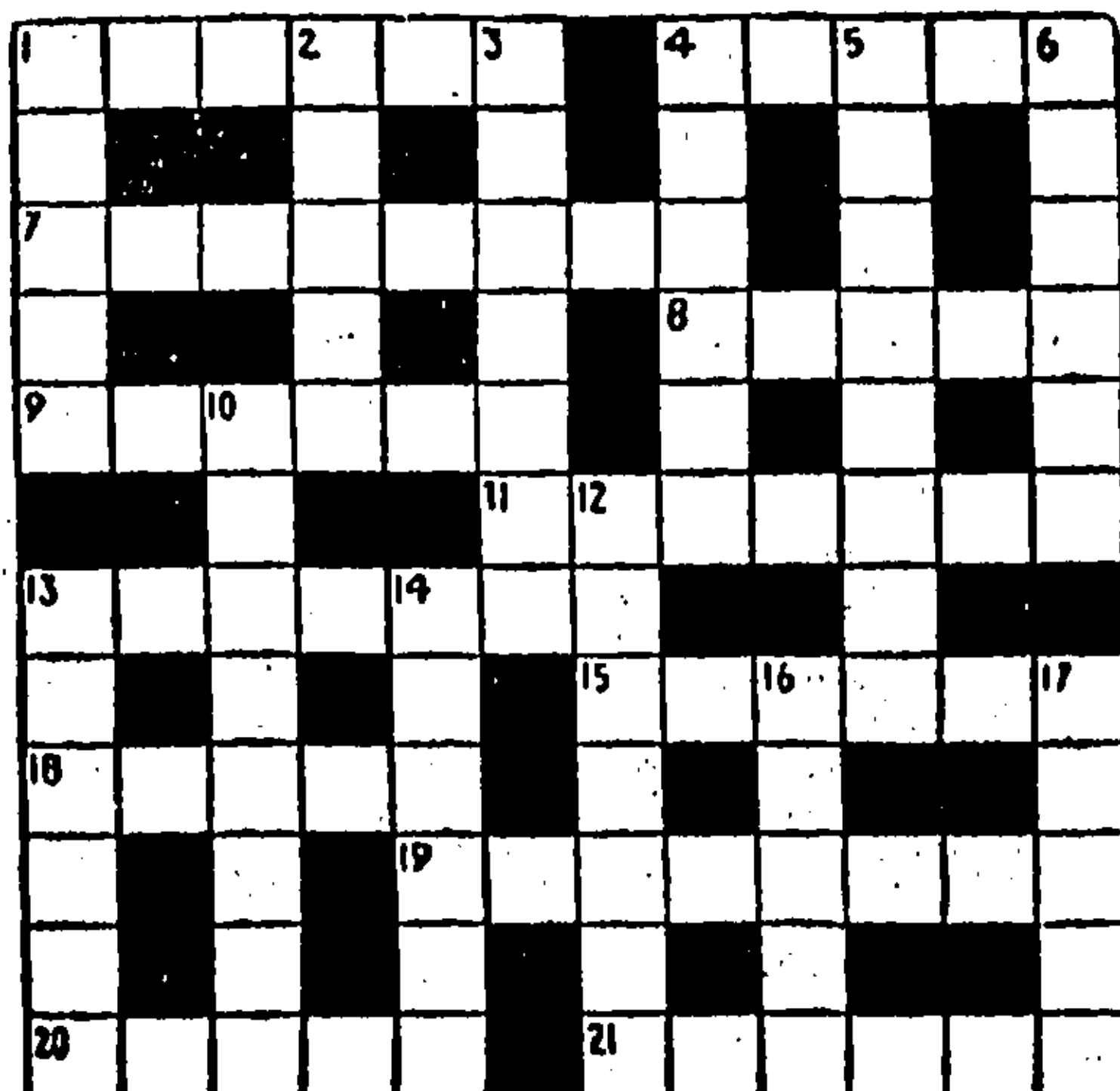
In his view, both the Soviet Union and China were today too pre-occupied with their domestic problems to bother about the expansion of international Communism.

COMMONWEALTH

Answering questions, he was asked to comment on a suggestion that India should quit the Commonwealth if Britain carried out her Christmas Island nuclear tests.

Mr. Bevan replied: "It would be extremely unwise for India to say to the United Kingdom: 'If you don't do this, we will do this.' That did no good, Mr. Bevan said, although he believed British would have greater influence in the world if she boldly abandoned further nuclear tests.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1. Faded (6).
 2. Localities (8).
 3. Fame (8).
 4. Statute not now in force (10).
 5. Wilderness (8).
 6. Comes out (7).
 7. Trespass (7).
 8. Pretext (8).
 9. Ledges (8).
 10. Ills (8).
 11. Bird (5).
 12. Tricks (6).
- DOWN**
1. Fear (5).
 2. One way to cut things fine (8).
 3. Gave (7).
 4. Part of a garment (6).
 5. Geometrical figure (8).
 6. Standing (6).
 7. Paying up (6).
 8. Interfered (7).
 9. Mad (6).
 10. Insecure (6).
 11. Liberated (5).
 12. Writing-tables (8).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1. Faded, 4. Ran-sack, 8. Road, 9. Wild, 10. Volume, 11. Door, 12. Mile, 14. Enclave, 17. Inure, 19. Press, 22. Stoop, 26. Erre, 27. Inus, 28. Withers, 29. Tick, 30. Nude, 31. Recluse, 32. Does, Down: 2. Rainin, 3. Trader, 4. Ravine, 5. Adorns, 6. Skull, 7. Chess, 13. Miles, 15. Ruse, 15. Over, 16. Zoro, 18. Alarms, 20. Rorted, 21. Snacks, 23. Tense, 24. Extol, 25. Enane.

Member Of House Of Lords Warns 'Illegal Approach' Will Have Serious Effects

London, Apr. 10. A Labour Member of the House of Lords warned today that a serious international situation could arise "if Egypt continues her illegal approach" to Mideast problems.

Lord Henderson asked the Government to take the initiative in proposing an early meeting of the four heads of governments of the USA, Britain, France and Russia, with the object of getting a four-power agreement on the Middle East.

Speaking during the debate on Cyprus and the Suez crisis, Lord Henderson said:

"The key problem to the entire situation is to be found in Egypt's insistence on the continuation of a state of war and belligerency in relation to Israel."

"When the Canal is in general use to world shipping, the independent test of whether there is freedom of passage and operation and freedom from international politics will come when the first Israeli ships enter the Canal."

Unrealistic

"It will be unwise and unrealistic to suppose there will be sufficient discrimination for travel through the Canal and Gulf of Aqaba," he continued.

"If Egypt stands by her illegal approach a serious situation will arise," Lord Henderson said. "The United Nations will be bound to face up to its responsibilities. It should be made clear to Egypt that the ownership of the Canal carries with it no arbitrary power over the United Nations."

During the Middle East debate, independent Lord Killearn declared:

"Surely in Egypt we have plumbed the depths of national humiliation. That is not a very popular thing to say but it is true. Is it not better to accept that unfortunate and regrettable fact as the basis of our assessment of present affairs in the Middle East?"

American Policy

He said he found it difficult to understand American policy unless it was intentionally or unintentionally to destroy the British and French possessions in North Africa.

"The reason of our humiliation is to be attributed in the main to the United Nations. But the UN is a composition of powers and it is well known that the UN acted inspired across the Atlantic. In reversion to my thesis, which is that we have been ousted from the Middle East and we had better recognise it and kick off from this assumption. Willingly or unwittingly we have been replaced by America."

Lord Killearn said he had always felt Britain had been too

weak in her attitude towards Israel.

We should reorientate our policy very considerably in one specific direction—the Baghdad Pact.

"I do not believe it is going to work unless in some shape or form you have Israel associated with it," he said.

United Nations

Lord Birdwood, Conservative, said: "We are never going to achieve that justice and equity that is our due over the Canal unless we can carry the United States with us."

"What if the United States should fail us? If they did, let it go on record that if in some humiliation we have to accept the terms of a dictator for the use of the Canal we shall have been forced into it by a power which seemingly preferred international responsibility to international reality."

Viscount Chervell, wartime scientific adviser to Sir Winston Churchill, said the United Nations had done great harm in recent years.

One of the greatest dangers of the present situation was that some of the greatest nations in the world had put their consciences "in pawn" to the UN.

"Unhappily, it is becoming clear that the world cannot rely on the effectiveness of the UN, if the vital interests of major countries conflict," he said.

Lord Strang, former Permanent Under-Secretary at Foreign Office, said it was little use going to the UN for justice as Israel had found to her cost.

Suggesting reasons why Britain should not expect too much of what America could achieve in Cairo, Lord Strang added: "Upon the United States lies the main burden of defending the whole free world and themselves against the menace of Soviet Communism. That will be the prime objective."

Gaza Strip

Lord Home, leader of the House and Commonwealth Minister, said the Government believes the Gaza strip should be made a responsibility of the United Nations.

Before there could be a permanent settlement in the region he said, there would have to be general recognition that the state of Israel exists and will continue to exist.

Lord Home said it was the Government's opinion that the causes of Middle East friction should be settled one by one, in order to create a favourable atmosphere for agreement. In the long run, it seemed desirable and necessary that the United Nations, in one way or another, should take part in the pacification of the Israeli frontiers.—All Agencies.

Concern About Makarios's Stop-Over

Nairobi, Apr. 10. Archbishop Makarios's stop-over here on his way back from exile to Europe, set off concern today among members of this British colony's Legislative Council.

Legislator Sir Charles Markham warned that attempts might be made both overseas and in Kenya to create political capital out of the Archbishop's brief halt here. He is changing planes from Madagascar to Athens.

Another lawmaker, N. F. Harris, protested that someone who had been condemned as head of the terrorism in Cyprus is being allowed to enter Kenya which is still under a state of emergency because of the Mau Mau revolt.

He demanded that if Makarios passed Kenya, he should be "isolated from sympathetic elements in the country."

Kenya Defence Minister J. W. Cusack replied that Makarios would come under Kenya laws with regard to public meetings.—United Press.

Anti-Red Film Was A Flop

Washington, Apr. 10. A House Appropriations Subcommittee disclosed today that the United States Information Agency secretly spent \$100,000 subsidising a commercial anti-Communist film generally for American consumption.

A top official of the propaganda agency told the subcommittee the movie turned out to be a box office flop when shown in 1953. He said that, unfortunately, was the history of such films.

Closed-door testimony made public by the subcommittee today showed that the agency flatly refuses to disclose the name of the film or where it is being shown now. But the testimony indicated that a foreign-language version is now being produced without help, this time, from the taxpayers.

\$27M INCREASE

The subsidisation of the film was disclosed in subcommittee questioning regarding USIA's request for \$140 million to finance its international propaganda and news operations in the next fiscal year.

That would be a \$27-million increase over its current budget. The agency also wants an extra four million dollars to build a powerful new radio transmitter.

The secret testimony also revealed that the Negro band leader, Dizzy Gillespie, for several months last year received an overseas culture tour a government-guaranteed income higher than President Eisenhower's. Gillespie was paid \$2,150 a week—about \$150 a week more than the President.—United Press.

New Cabinet Called For By Hussein

Amman, Apr. 10. King Hussein tonight called to the Royal Palace for cabinet-forming talks Dr. Hussein Khalidi, a member of the Senate and former Foreign Minister, Dr. Fawzi Mulki, former Premier and present Jordan Ambassador to Egypt, Said El Mufli, former Premier and President of the Senate, Fakh Madaadha, former Defence and Interior Minister and Samir Rifai, former Premier.

A Royal Decree was issued appointing Brigadier Mohammed Malaya, Chief Aide-de-Camp to the King as Chief Superintendent of the Security Police Force, and promoted him to General.

He succeeded General Bahgat Tabbara, a well-known anti-Communist who was pensioned by the Nabulsi Government.—Reuter.

Matsushita Meets Churchill

At End Of UK Visit

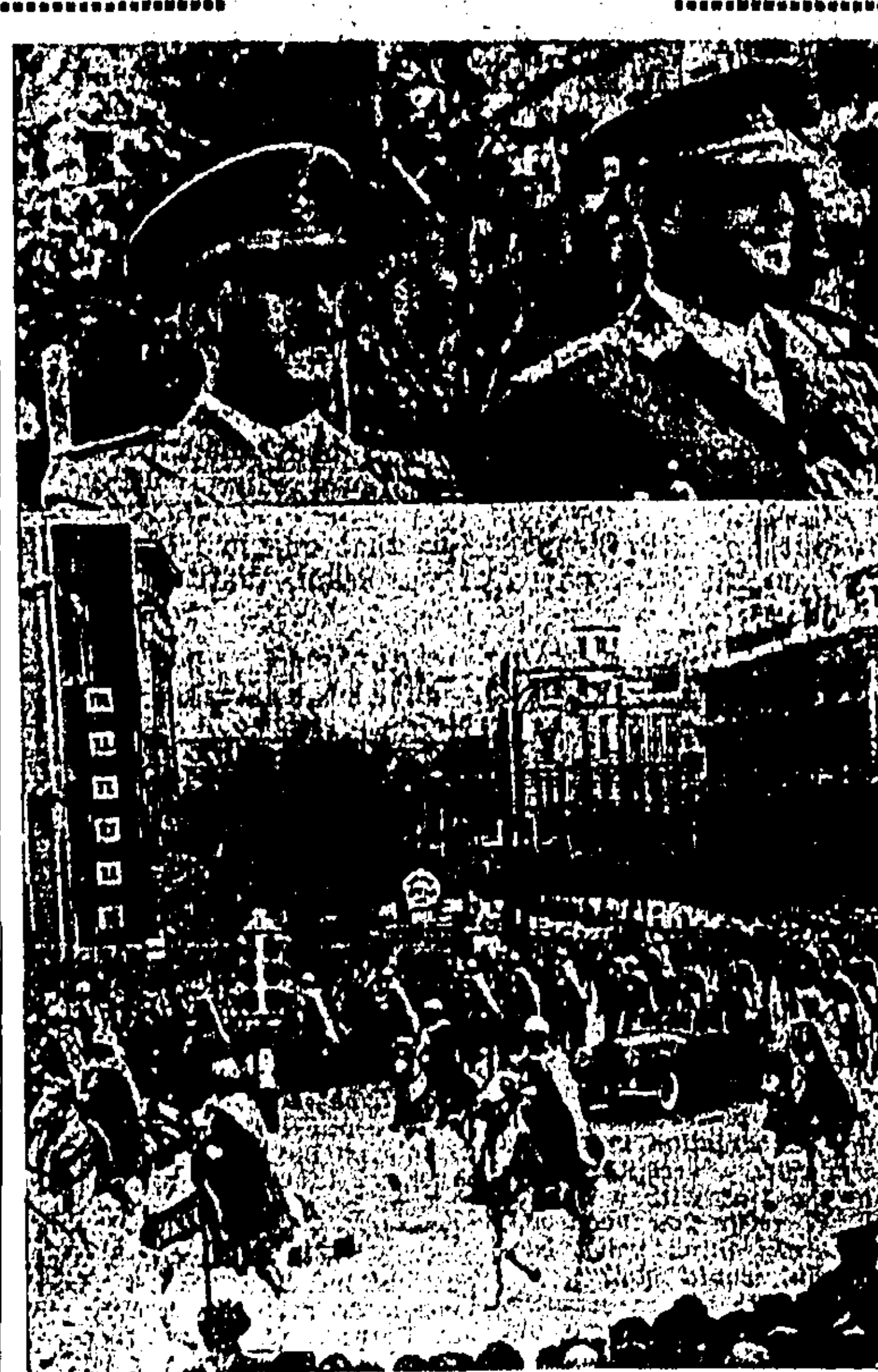
London, Apr. 10. Mr. Matsushita, who is President of Rikkyo (St. Paul) University, Tokyo, said he would take this trip back personally to Tokyo.

He has expressed himself "well satisfied" with the results of his visit, but has emphasised that it has not been his job to whip up a campaign nor interfere in British domestic politics.

He told reporters yesterday he hoped to see privately some judges from the International Court of Justice at the Hague.

Mr. Matsushita's meeting with Sir Winston Churchill took place earlier today when he again called on Mr. Macmillan, and was headed off by the British Prime Minister's reply in a sealed envelope.

Parade For Franco



A parade by units of the Spanish Army was held in Madrid last week to mark 18 years dictatorship by General Franco. Picture top shows Franco taking the salute at the march-past. On right of the Spanish dictator is General Barro, Spain's Minister of National Defence. Picture bottom shows a heavily-guarded Franco driving through Madrid streets at parade's end.—Express Photo.

CANADIAN MINISTER SAYS LARGE NAVAL BUILDUP BY RUSSIA

Ottawa, Apr. 10. The government warned today that Russia is concentrating on a major naval buildup and already has seven times as many submarines as Hitler at the start of World War II.

The report was contained in Defence Minister Ralph Campney's annual "green book" on defence, tabled in Parliament. The tone of the 60-page report indicated that defence spending would continue to dominate Federal budgets.

"Soviet concentration on the build-up of a large submarine fleet and the prospect of long-range submarines with a capability of launching atomic missiles from several hundred miles offshore has given an increased significance to the anti-submarine role of the maritime forces of NATO countries," Campney said.

FEROCIOUS ATTACK

Campney said smaller countries like Canada are not required to strive for complete and balanced forces in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Rather, he added, each partner must concentrate on providing elements which it can most effectively build up and maintain.

"It is recognised that a sudden, ferocious air attack on the NATO countries would call for immediate and intensive retaliation," Campney said.

"There would be an interval of a week or two before retaliation is fully effective.

"In such circumstances, to prevent ground forces of the aggressor from overrunning adjacent NATO areas, it is essential to have a firm but flexible shield of NATO ground forces, together with tactical air support."—United Press.

Louvre Becomes Royal Palace With The Queen

Paris, Apr. 10. The historic museum of the Louvre tonight recaptured its former brilliance as a royal palace as Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip were honoured at a State banquet, followed by a French Government reception.

Light music echoed through the corridors, and the voices of the 210 guests and the rustle of dining gowns revived the glamorous royal past of the world-famed treasure trove of art, now candle-lit for the occasion.

Republican Guards in full regalia formed a wall of honour leading past the illuminated Venus De Milo and the winged Victory of Samothrace, as the sovereign arrived for dinner.

Statue Of Diana

The dinner took place in the Salle Des Caratides, where a statue of Diana the huntress looked down on the guests as candles flickered from iron candelabras.

Later, in the Salle Des Antiquites and the Galerie D'Auguste, 2,000 guests thronged the reception.

These huge buffets, heaped up for the reception, were set with 5,000 sandwiches, 8,000 petit fours, 6,000 pieces of pastry, 3,000 fruits, 1,500 sweet cakes filled with goose liver, thousands of other tasty snacks and 100 quarts of ice-cream.

The Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by Premier Guy Mollet, Foreign Minister Christian Pineau and the Minister of National Education, at the doors of the Louvre. President Rene Coty welcomed them at the entrance to the Galerie Denon.

Sabres Poised

A line of Republican Guards, like multi-coloured statues, sabres poised, presented arms as the group moved through the hall to the statue of a military march. Then a fanfare of 12 trumpets sounded as they reached the "Winged Victory." President Coty paused to act as museum guide for the Queen.

They turned to look at the Venus De Milo illuminated like the "Victory," and then past guests waiting in the Hall of the Parthenon to the Phidias Gallery, where a string quintet was playing softly.

As the guests were taking their place at table, the Royal party looked at masterpieces of painting of the Louvre, brought to them specially for the occasion.

Then the Queen and Prince went on to the dinner, to the sound of a Lalande "Chaconne," played by four violins, a viola, a cello and a double bass violin. All the music, during dinner was 17th and 18th century.

Defectives

The statue of Diana was draped with flowers, and blue draperies hung from the walls and windows, while long, slender 18th century tapestries hung between the columns.

A tapestry behind the Queen and the President concealed a group of ever-present defectives. Infra-red electric stoves warmed the ordinary drafty Louvre and 100 waiters and 30 cooks.

Nordic Foreign Ministers Conference

Helsinki, Apr. 10. Nordic Foreign Ministers today threw their support behind UN efforts to "achieve a lasting improvement of conditions in the Middle East."

Observers said UN support in the Mideast would include stationing of UN troops on both sides of the demarcation line.

The Foreign Ministers' conference ended today with a cautiously worded communique that showed a wide range of agreement on a number of political questions.

The meeting, which started yesterday, brought together Foreign Ministers Halvard Lange of Norway, Oester Unden of Sweden, Ralf Toerngren of Finland, Gudmundur Gudmundsson of Iceland, and Danish Vice Foreign Minister Ernst Christensen.

FOUR RESULTS

1. Support for UN efforts in the Middle East.
2. Support for the advance registration plan on atomic and hydrogen tests as pushed by Norway in the UN, as a first step towards solution of the disarmament problem.
3. Set up a Nordic nuclear physics research institute in Copenhagen.
4. First serious way of halting the "havana" "dags of commerce" nations are making in the traditional "havana" way: shipping business.—United Press.

Oil Companies Building Refinery In Turkey

New York, Apr. 10. Four overseas oil companies plan to build a \$65,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Turkey that would go into production in 1960, Mobil Overseas Oil Co., Inc., announced today.

The company, a subsidiary of Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc., said the refinery would cost the equivalent of \$48 million, of which \$13,500,000 would be spent in Turkey. The exact location of the unit will be determined before the end of June, the announcement said.

The four participating companies will form a jointly-owned refinery company incorporated under the Turkish laws. Mobil will have a 37 per cent interest; California Texas Corp., owned by Standard Oil Co. of California and Texas Co., 34 per cent; the Royal Dutch Shell group 16 per cent; British Petroleum Co. 11 per cent.

Along with the existing refinery at Batman in South-eastern Turkey, owned and operated by the Turkish Government, the new facilities will provide enough oil products to meet Turkey's needs.—United Press.

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French Mop Up After Battle

Algiers, Apr. 10. French troops counted 68 rebel dead today in mopping up operations following a fierce mountain battle that cost the lives of nine French soldiers—three of them officers.

At the same time, military authorities here formally denied earlier unofficial reports that 20 French soldiers were slain in a rebel ambush, yesterday, on the edge of the Sahara desert. They confirmed, however, that five French soldiers were killed yesterday when their two-truck convoy ran into an ambush 85 miles southeast of Sidi bel Abbes—home of the French Legion.

The 68 rebel deaths were reported by the French following a co-ordinated helicopter infantry attack against a heavily-armed band of Algerian nationalists in the mountains 150 miles southeast of Algiers.—United Press.

Fifth instalment of our new murder serial 'No Flowers By Request' and the third author takes over

★ WIDOWED Mrs. Merton takes a job as cook-housekeeper. It is a strange household in an old rectory. Her employer has an ailing wife, and his niece, who lives there, helps in the house. On the nurse's night out the widow is indoors with the invalid and the niece. . . . The patient goes into a coma, and despite prompt attention, she dies. The death-room is sealed, and a post-mortem is ordered.

THE post-mortem examination had the most frightful consequences. Mrs. Carrington had been poisoned. To my horror, I had to attend the inquest, but the matter was so grave that after the body had been identified by poor Marcus Carrington and the medical evidence had been taken, the proceedings were adjourned.

The following days were like a nightmare. We had to put up with the police — that one had expected, of course — but worse, to my mind, than any police was the general atmosphere of suspicion, distrust and fear.

'There were at least two scared people now'

MURDER by Poison

By GLADYS MITCHELL

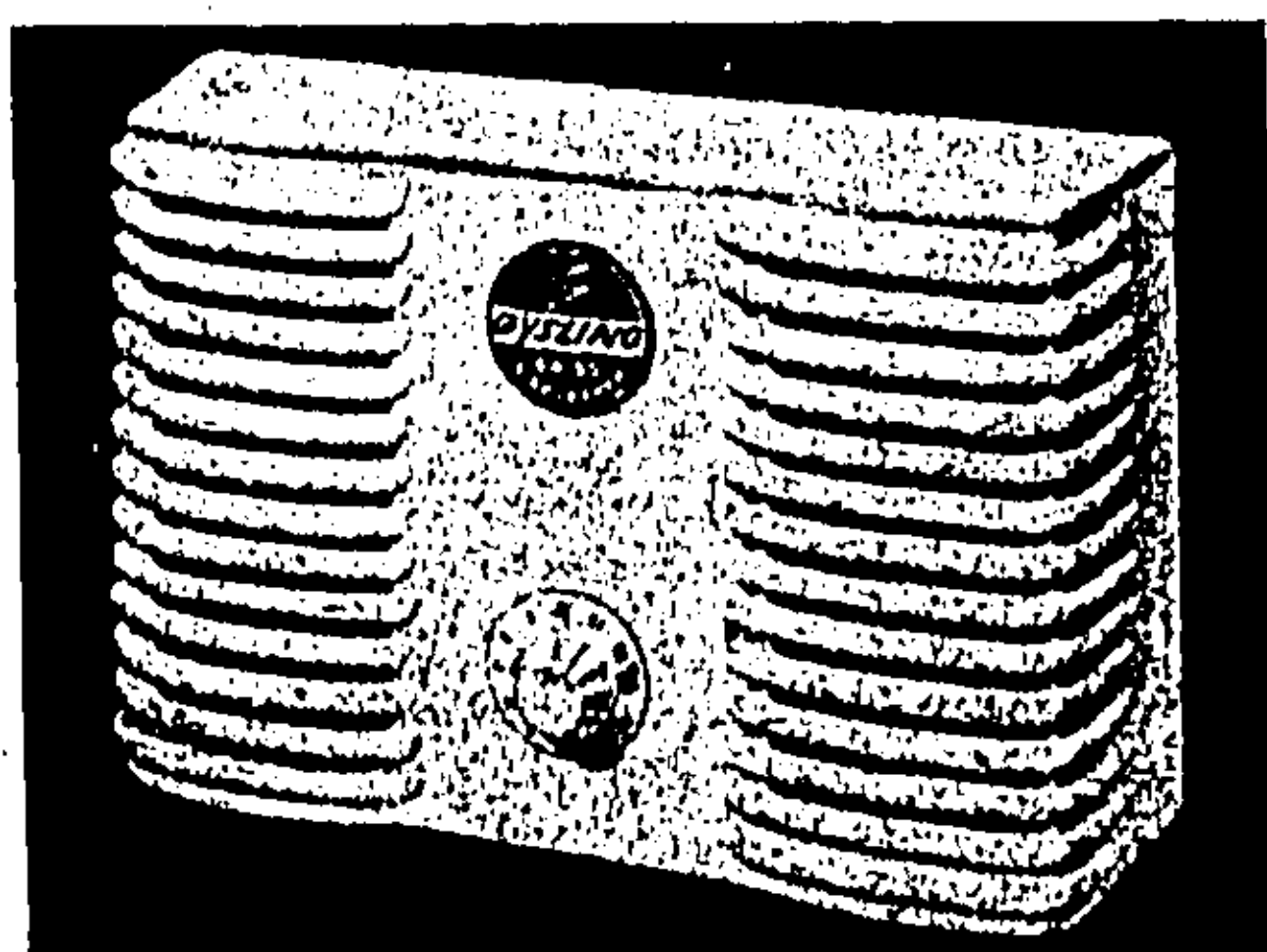
"I looked with frank curiosity."



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As day succeeded day I could not help becoming aware that I was being used as a foil by every member of the household. If I had felt that I was being used as a confidante it would have been different, but it was not a bit like that. I was being used as a go-between.

The first to come was Philippa Deane, on the excuse of asking whether I had any stale bread with which she could feed the birds.

"I suppose you'll leave us as soon as the situation is cleared up," she said, "deceiving the heel of the loaf with a nod of thanks. 'I wish you most not, but I hardly think you'd care to stay on, would you?'"

I looked at her in surprise. It may seem odd to say so, but the idea of leaving the Carringtons' house had never occurred to me.

NO PLANS

"I have no plans at present," I replied. "This is no time, in my opinion, to think of myself."

"Oh, but we've all got to, haven't we?" she demanded. "There's this wretched inquest to come up again. I've tried to sound Tom Grayling, but he won't give away a thing. Have you had a talk with him yet?"

"Well, no, but, then, I scarcely know Doctor Grayling. (Tom, I thought to myself, that's the way the wind blows, does it?)"

"I suppose not, but that's all the more reason why he might let out to you the things he's keeping from us. The inquest, so far, was so unsatisfactory."

"I don't see that it was unsatisfactory," I interrupted quickly.

"Well, the doctors didn't agree, did they?"

"They agreed that Mrs. Carrington had been suffering from digitalis poisoning. The only thing they did not agree on was whether the digitalis was sufficient to cause death. At least, that's how I understood it."

"Well, I want to know what Tom really thinks," she insisted. "If he—if he should tell you anything, I wish you'd let me know. I have a right to the knowledge—a much better right than you imagine. But little as I could conceive of Doctor Grayling confiding in me—or, indeed, in anyone else, if I had summed him up rightly—I was making no promises."

Just then Joy Barnslow went past my kitchen window, and Philippa Deane, who had been crumpling the stale bread nervously on to Mrs. Hutchinson's nice, clean floor, started for the door with the remains of the loaf. Scarcely had she disappeared when Joy came back and tapped at the kitchen window.

"What do you want for lunch and dinner?" she asked.

"Come round," I replied.

"I say," she said, in the forthright, militant voice which she used in speaking to Tom, Philippa and myself.

"That woman and her birdseed! Why does she keep on watching me while I'm at work? She stands there fiddling about with bits of bread and chopped-up fat meat and things, and pretends to be feeding the birds, but it's me she's got her cat's eyes on. What's she up to?"

"I'm sure she isn't up to anything," I answered. "She needs an occupation, something to take her mind off things, I think. She is very highly-strung and nervous, and the idea of having the police in the house, and of being questioned, and of having to look forward to a resumption of the inquest have been, prying on her mind."

"As well they might!" retorted Joy.

"Whatever do you mean?" I inquired. She flushed, set her lip and looked obstinate.

"Just what I say," she answered.

"Now my bump of curiosity is strong, and I was dying for her to tell me what she meant, but a sense of caution refused to allow me to question her."

"You are asking about the vegetables for lunch and dinner," I said. "Rumour bears

and potatoes will do for lunch, and for dinner we had better have peas, if there are enough. Can you manage some raspberries today?"

JOY'S SECRET

"Yes, certainly. And now, look here, if you wouldn't mind dropping a hint to Philippa Deane that I can do my work without any supervision from her, I'd be more than grateful."

But again I was careful to make no promises. All the same, I thought it not a bad idea to keep an eye on our bird fancier. That there was a rift between the two girls was obvious, but whether it had been made mutually or only by Joy Barnslow I was not so certain. There were wheels within wheels in the relationships.

Of this, of course, I had been aware from the first. I recollected my earlier thoughts about certain members of the household. Odd. Queer. Peculiar. Pathological. Neurotic. Maladjusted. Scared.

As I prepared the lunch in the comparatively short interval of peace allotted to me daily while Mrs. Hutchinson "did the upstairs," I turned over in my mind all that I knew or guessed concerning the two girls.

Joy, I realised, was fundamentally a thwarted, unhappy person. I put her age at around 25.

I was not prepared to believe that her ingenious, rough-skinned "open-air" face concealed secrets which could be damaging if they were known.

She could not be afraid of her employer, for Marcus was no slave-driver, very far from it. He was only too anxious to let everything slide which did not interfere with him and his own work.

I had seen a good deal of the latter, for there were always rough sketches as well as finished illustrations lying about in the room he used as a den, and very early in my term of office as cook-housekeeper he had begged me not to let Mrs. Hutchinson loose in there.

"She means well," he said, "but her only idea of straightening-up," as she calls it, is to put everything where I can't find it. I don't mind if the room never gets done at all, provided that my stuff is left alone."

BITTER LAUGH

I could not leave it at that, so I promised to do the den myself on any day that was most convenient to him. He seemed extraordinarily pleased when I said this, and thanked me more heartily than the occasion warranted.

"I'm quite accustomed to young men and their whiffy what embarrased by his pleasure and the warmth with which he expressed it."

He turned away and then suddenly turned back. "Young Man!" he said, with a laugh that seemed slightly bitter.

"Some of it's so rude," she informed me. "He draws them young ladies first, and draws the clothes on 'em afterwards. I'm sure my Bert wouldn't like it if he knewed some of the things I've seen in that there room."

"Mr. Carrington has to get the anatomy right," I pointed out, although I must confess I was a little startled by her remark. Could there be something pathological about a commercial artist who had this passion for nudes?

"I dismissed the thought, and duly cleared, swept, and dusted the den and looked with frank curiosity at any drawings left lying about."

"No children, and an invalid, fretful wife," I thought. "Poor Mr. Carrington! Poor, handsome, frustrated Marcus, my dear!"

TOMORROW—Mr. Carrington's strange behaviour.



"TRYING TO NEGOTIATE WITH STRINGS, HEY?"

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PRIESTLEY is 62 and a little more retound about the middle than most of the men in the whisky ads.

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JOHN BOYNTON PRIESTLEY

He detests 20th century mass produced civilisation, spattered with gadgets, deluged with advertising, driven by giant engines of mass communication. He would rather see men work a little harder, and preserve more of themselves. He would rather see life less comfortable, more exciting.

By Les Armour



worshippers of his early books which preached a conventional bourgeois morality and extolled the virtues of quiet homeliness.

These people often do not realise that their idol is now their enemy and this is perhaps most infuriating of all.

But this is the price of the Priestley position.

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Above all, he believes in detachment of thought, in economic co-operation rather than competition, and in the intrinsic value of the individual.

The difficulty is that most men at most times prefer the easier way. Most men are afraid of detachment and afraid, above all, of loneliness. They like to feel at one with the millions of whom they read the mass-circulation newspapers, to own motor cars just like those owned by millions of others, and to dress exactly like the men next door.

Priestley is perfectly well aware of all this. He has made the point himself over and over again.

It's just that he finds it damned annoying. And sometimes he can't control his annoyance at the human race.

Cambridge brought him a new world. But the contrast was shattering and the First World War in which he served with the Duke of Wellington's and Devon regiments, burnt itself deeply into his mind.

Toynbee saw in the rises and falls of civilisations a forward movement which he likened to the forward movement of a wheel. It was that Socialism while its wheels turn, Priestley has tended to believe that the cart is laden with dung and headed for hell.

But there are ways and ways of making the point.

The Common Man

—triumphant

His early North Country novels (typified by "The Good Companions" of which he is not now, it seems, very fond) sought to make the point by portraying human beings striving and struggling against their dreary backgrounds—and triumphing as human beings despite it.

Some of his earlier plays, particularly his trilogy of plays about time, sought to show that there might be a better world of the mind which men could perceive if only they shook off their trivial distractions.

These two approaches, however, have not satisfied the man.

He became a Socialist and remained one until 1950 when he decided that Socialism might be

just another tyranny. In his Socialist days he campaigned in books, on the radio, and in the press for a society ordered to fill human needs rather than to satisfy individual greed.

Political theory, however, has not always been his strong point, and his opponents, at least, were often at a loss to discover just how it was that Socialism was to bring about this desirable state of affairs.

He battled manfully against the forces in society which were currently pushing men around but he seemed to be advocating just another sort of pushing.

Five years of British Socialism seemed to convince him that being pushed by bureaucracy is not necessarily better than being pushed by capitalists.

The last seven years he has devoted to his private crusade typified by a series of articles in "The New Statesman and Nation" headed "Thoughts in the Wilderness."

Unfortunately, his old friends had become his new enemies and he continued to assault his old enemies as well.

The resultant isolation may have tended to make the man a little bitter. And bitter he is at times.

Last year in Toronto he was invited to speak at a literary luncheon organised by his admirers.

He began by testing his hosts for making him drink too water

and smoke his own cigar. Then he blew up Toronto's chief librarian, kindly and quiet Dr. Charles Sanderson, for reading a passage from "The Good Companions." He asked whether he must always be identified with "The Good Companions."

Finally, since the luncheon was connected with a "book week," he added for good measure that he hated book weeks. Afterwards he refused to autograph copies of his books.

Canadians did not take kindly to this display. Neither did the organisers of the lunch.

The Common Man

—just smug

Of course, Canadians are a rather smug, self-satisfied bourgeois breed and wholly likely to make you drink too water and smoke your own cigar. (I know, I am one). Furthermore, book weeks must drive even the most calm and unprejudiced writer up the wall, and it is probably revolting to have the same passages out of the same early novel read at you year after year.

But the significance of the outburst is that Priestley has worked himself into an isolated corner in which he is in a state of open conflict with almost everyone. In particular, he is in a state of open war with the

Blackhawks Take On The Pandas Tomorrow

By "TIME OUT"

Taking advantage of the holiday tomorrow, the Hongkong Softball Association has scheduled three softball games to be played off at King's Park, with the spotlight falling on the crucial League encounter between Kenneth Chun's Hongkong Pandas and Olly Vas' front-running Blackhawks.

The father sex will match wits in the opening round of the Ladies' Junior Knockout series which will get under way immediately after the men's game.

The outcome of the match between the League-leading Hawks and the Pandas will have an important bearing on the ultimate leading place of the Senior "A" team. With only one game to go, the Pandas are in a 13-15 favourable position and, having already had the better of their opponents in a previous encounter, will take the field tomorrow with confidence.

A victory for the Hawks will automatically eliminate the Pandas from the Championship race.

Member Kenneth Chun no doubt will recall the blow dealt to his prestige when, after a string of triumphs in the early part of the season, his boys met with their first reversal at the hands of the Hawks in an extraordinary thriller.

With three defeats against them, the Pandas must play for all they are worth if they wish to stay in the running and an upset victory over the Hawks will throw the Championship race wide open.

Once again, veteran Jackie Wei will be the rubber for the Pandas with neophyte Raymond Tsoo calling the pitches. Wei's form is better than a day of yesterday but he still has occasional flashes of speed and the big problem is whether he can pace himself over the full distance against a side that boasts an array of sluggers. The Pandas' infield features experienced Y. S. Liang and Wally Ma at short and third respectively with Harold Ong guarding the initial sack and Bobby Tsoo taking charge of second.

Dower Asked To Explain

London, Apr. 10. The British and Empire Flyweight Champion, Dai Dower, has been called to appear at a special meeting of the British Boxing Board of Control in London on April 24. It was announced tonight.

The meeting of the Board will inquire into the training preparations of Dower for his recent world title contest against Argentina's Pascual Perez, in which the Welsh ex-miner was knocked out in the first round. —United Press.

WOODEN SPOON SHARED

Belfast, Apr. 10. Ireland and Wales played to a scoreless draw at Windsor Park here this evening to share the "Wooden Spoon" in the Home countries' international soccer championship. —China Mail Special.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

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To the Editor, China Mail,

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

THE MILLIONAIRE FOOTBALLER LIVES AT LUCKY NO. 13 CALLE DEL HENARES

By ARTHUR WALMSLEY

It is only a ten-minute taxi ride from the heart of Madrid to the suburb of El Viso—but in that ten minutes the traveller moves into a little world apart. The noisy bustle of the capital is silenced here—for this is the hushed retreat of Spanish millionaires and dollar-happy Americans.

Here, in the Calle del Henares, live the Infantes De Bavaria—Jose Antonio and Maria Jose—nephew and niece of ex-King Alfonso of Spain. And just across the street at lucky No. 13 lives the one-time boy from the back streets of Buenos Aires, Alfredo di Stefano—soccer idol of Spain and, by Spanish standards, already rated a millionaire.

A millionaire in Spain is one who is reckoned to be worth a million pesetas—roughly £100,000. I fancy Alfredo passed his first millionaires' milestone quite some time ago.

It was late afternoon on a time—that my taxi pulled up outside No. 13. Even the mild equal from the brake seemed a crashing affront to the solemn silence of the luxury villas and it was almost on tip-toe that I climbed the steps to ring di Stefano's front door bell.

I was expected and was shown into a sumptuous sitting room by one of the small team of hired hands I awaited "The Presence" with mixed feelings of admiration for the costly but tasteful appointments of the di Stefano home and trepidation that the man I was about to interview might well turn out to be a hard-to-handle, peevish, peevish "prima donna".

I noticed the slender two-foot long box, gilt-inlaid "Claret" made specially for Don Alfredo di Stefano. I studied the ultra-modern contemporary furniture. I gazed at my face reflected in the mirror-polished parquet floor. I spotted the swimming pool in the back garden and boggled at the dozens of silver trophies—small and very big—which told their own tale of the soccer feats at di Stefano.

I knew the garage housed a Mercedes-Benz. And I was thinking that if money had gone to Alfredo's head I could hardly blame him. But when a smiling, matter-of-fact di Stefano came striding into the room, with a ready handshake, proudly airing his two words of English, "sit down, sit down," I knew there would be nothing to blame him for.

Wealth, adulation and fame have left di Stefano completely unimpaired. Unspoiled, most hospitable of hosts, refreshingly frank in answering delicate personal questions, di Stefano must be the most modest of millionaires.

Soon we were joined by di Stefano's wife Isabel and the apple of his fatherly eye, 18-month-old son Alfredo. di Stefano couldn't resist it—he just had to pick up his son, swing him high, hug him and plant him firmly on his own knee as he sat down to resume our conversation.

The three di Stefanos—daughters Nannette, five, and Silvia, four, were at school—made a lovely little family group despite the opulence of their surroundings. Which is not surprising when you learn that the famous father is strictly a quiet family man who shirks the bright lights like the plague.

di Stefano, through an interpreter, told me that apart from working with his father

on a farm in Argentina as a boy, he had known no other job but professional football since he was 16, when he signed for crack Argentine club River Plate.

Six years later, in 1949, he joined the outlaw Millionaires Club of Colombia, with whom he played until 1953 when Real Madrid decided they must have him at all costs.

Because di Stefano was still a registered River Plate player, Real Madrid had to do business with the Argentine club and were finally reported to have paid the fantastic fee of £70,000 for di Stefano's services. And from this point the interview went like this:

NO MISTAKE

Walmsley: British standards that £70,000 transfer fee is unbelievable. Did Real Madrid really pay River Plate that much?

di Stefano: Yes, it is quite true. I should know—I got twenty per cent of the fee for myself.

Walmsley: Some British players who have been the subject of big transfer fees have found that their price tag has eventually "not them down" and upset their play. Did you find it difficult to live up to yours when you came to Spain?

di Stefano: I never even think of it. I just do my best in each game I play. It is useless to worry about the crowd because the crowd always wants more than you can give.

Walmsley: We hear that you and the other members of the Real Madrid team earn tremendous sums from football. Would you tell me what you earn?

di Stefano (with a wry smile): Our basic wage is around £1,250 to £1,500 a year—but then, of course, there is prize money for winning, and that differs according to each player's contract with the club. Walmsley: How much prize money will be paid if you beat Manchester United?

di Stefano: I should think about £350—maybe more.

Walmsley: Don't you think that is a lot of money for kicking a football about?

di Stefano: Whether you think it is a lot depends on what you think of football, whether it is work, or art, or whether it is an art, and so the artist should be paid what he is worth.

Walmsley: You have been called the world's greatest centre-forward. As a boy did you model yourself on any great player, and have you ever received any coaching?

di Stefano: I don't know who calls me the world's greatest centre-forward. No, I was never coached nor tried to play like anyone else. I always played football ever since I can remember in the streets of Buenos Aires before I joined River Plate. Since then I just play my natural way.

Walmsley: Now that you are a very rich man, do you not feel tempted to give up the business of constant training to keep fit and retire from soccer?

di Stefano: But surely the way to train well is really to live well—which I am going to do whether I play football or not. But I do not think of retiring. I am only 30 and have just signed another four-year contract with Real Madrid.

Walmsley: In England and Scotland some footballers' wives have had a big say—sometimes the decisive say—in whether their husbands move from one club to another or not. Do you think wives should interfere in football?

di Stefano (glancing implicitly at his own wife): I am a pro-

fessional footballer at 16. When my wife married me she knew what she was in for. Of course, when I make such a big move from Argentina to Spain, then I consult my wife—but if I am just making one move from club to club in this country, then that is for me alone to decide, not my wife.

Walmsley: This is a lovely house. It must have cost you a lot of money.

di Stefano: When I first live here I rent the house. But then I make a film and I get £5,000. Then I win a national lottery and win £3,000. So I think it is time to buy this house—so I do, for £20,000. You like it?

Walmsley: I'll say I do! And much as I'd like to see the house, I must go.

AND 10 OTHERS

Madrid soccer fans have told me that the Real Madrid team consists of di Stefano and 10 others. One went so far as to write out the team for me showing di Stefano's name in every position!

When I asked club officials whether he was worth the £70,000 they had paid for him they pointed to the team's record since he joined them four years ago—Spanish Champions the first two years, European Cup Champions last year.

Spain, as well as Real Madrid, wants the soccer services of di Stefano, and a month ago naturalisation papers were rushed through. It is unlikely that he will ever return to his native Argentina, but he has not forgotten the old folk at home. He has bought a 70-acre stockbreeding farm in Argentina for his mother and father.

I left El Viso feeling much kinder towards "Millionaires' Row." di Stefano had won another member to his "fan club." (To be continued.)

Preston Lose At Brussels

Brussels, Apr. 10. Preston North End, the Football League First Division club, were beaten 1-0 here this evening by a combined side from the Belgian clubs Daring and Union St. Gilles. The winning goal was scored in the second half.

Newcastle, Apr. 10. Newcastle United, the English First Division side, drew 2-2 here this evening with Nancy (France). Nancy led 2-0 at half time.

Wolverhampton, Apr. 10. Wolverhampton Wanderers, the English First Division club, beat Valencia, a Spanish team, 3-0 here this evening. Wolves led 2-0 at half time. —Reuter.

Home Rugger Results

Results of Rugby Union matches played today were: Bridgend 3, Cardiff 9. Cheltenham 0, Gloucester 11. Mansfield 0, Aberavon 6. Rochdale 13, Penarth 5. Aberllynnydd 0, Porthcawl 6.

RUGBY LEAGUE Results of today's Rugby League matches were: Bradford Northern 9, Wakefield Trinity 23. Halifax 6, Warrington 7. Swinton 30, Whitehaven 0. —China Mail Special.

THE QUEEN SHOULD HAVE SOME EARLY WINNERS

Says JAMES PARK

The Queen should have some early winners among her home-bred two-year-olds. The majority are small and look like coming quickly to hand. It is not the normal policy at Freemason Lodge, as Cecil Boyd-Rochford likes to give his horses plenty of time to mature.

But he can adapt himself to circumstances when the occasion arises and he is doing the right thing in getting on with the smaller two-year-olds.

Alfred (by Alycidon), Siemograp (by Fair Copy), Siemograp and Main (by Mignol), and Fratric Song (by Pinza) are below normal height and are ready to go into fast work.

Fall Mail (by Palestine), Resolutor (by Eversley), and Redan (by Abenent) may want a little more time. Pefronella (by Pettifog) was bought at Doncaster, but has not grown much.

AVAILABLE It could be there is another Adas or High Veldt among them, because they were both small two-year-olds. In spite of that they trained on well and are available for further service. Each carries a rare bloom for the time of the year.

High Veldt will be trained for the Coronation Cup, and while he may stay the mile and half at Epsom I have an idea a mile and quarter might suit him better in top company.

HONEST

Atlas proved stalling when winning the Doncaster Cup and although he may fall a little short of Gold Cup standard, there are other nice races which will give him ample scope for his stoutness.

Three-year-old Doutele has wintered well and looks a pleasure. He is very honest and while he has nearly a stone to find on two-year-olds running he will stay better than some of those who were placed above him.

Some hope is entertained that a useful performer may be found among the three second-season fillies, Almeria, Mulberry Harbour and Sunburn. Country all have something to commend them, and in due course should justify their breeding at the stud.

MAIN HOPE

In the near future there will be some attractive matrons at Hampton Court. I expect the six-year-old Zarathustra to prove the main hope of the stable in the Gold Cup. To see this grand-looking horse in the box one would think it was midsummer, such a sheen does he carry. His coat is like polished ebony.

He split a pastern when beaten half a length by Donald in the Jockey Club Cup but is sound again. I thought he looked lighter than last year, but he couples sound stalling with a fine turn of finishing speed.

TOUGH

Retrial is a tough-looking horse, who requires only a little consideration from the handicappers. Mammal was badly kicked when away for a course of jumping and it will be some time before he is ready to run.

The three-year-old Court Martial colt, Tempest, has grown and filled out into an attractive sort and is certain to show in advance of two-year-old form, when he ran only once.

Daily Task is a big, backed colt who might be anything, but still wants a lot of time. There is a useful look about Nevilla and Fairy Stone is likely to pay her way.

OUTSTANDING

Apart from the Queen's two-year-olds there are 19 of that age in the stable. The outstanding colt on looks is Eagle, an American-bred son of Nutcracker, sent over to replace Red God, who has returned to the United States.

I doubt whether we shall see much of Bald Eagle this season as this time, big colt will be allowed to find his strength in his own time. If he is as good as he looks, he will make a grand three-year-old.

I took a liking to Supreme Joy, a well-proportioned son of Supreme Court, with size and

pace. He is another about whom we may not hear much before the second half of the season.

ROBUST

The compact and medium-sized Procedure is a son of Court Martial and should be true to his pedigree in the matter of speed.

Effort Tower is a typical Panorama colt, with speed written all over him. Castro is a neck-and-neck son of Neuro with a robust outline.

Two Fold is a good filly by Hyperion out of Duplicity, from which family Lady Zia Wern-

her has bred such a host of winners.

Alfred, by Alycidon, is a very late foal but is well developed for his age. He does not celebrate his second birthday until July.

Sunset Gun, a daughter of Hyperion, was the highest-priced lot at the Dublin sales. She cost 13,000 guineas and is a shapely filly of just the right size.

There are others who will make their mark, and with such a well-balanced team Freemason Lodge will again be high in the winning list.

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Weights Do Not Put Variety King Out Of The Spring Cup

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

Mr Herbert Blagrove's Variety King was one of the most consistent horses that ran last season and he made tremendous improvement during the season.

When he made his first appearance at Salisbury and was rather unluckily beaten a head by Polar Jet, he was handicapped at level weights with Strange Conflict, who had 7 st. 1 lb. in this year's Lincoln.

Judging from the weights for the Newbury Spring Cup, Variety King would have had 8 st. 5 lb. in this year's Lincoln. For his relative improvement with Strange Conflict, 11 st. 11 lb. and Strange Conflict won three races last season. By the end of the year Variety King had proved his ability to stay a mile, and he won the Midland Cambridgeshire easily.

UNLUCKY

Moreover, that race substantiated the idea that some of his rather untidy ventures over six and seven furlongs were due to the fact that he was a better horse over a mile than over a shorter distance. He finished more than 10 lengths in front of Nicholas Nickleby in the Midland Cambridgeshire, receiving 7 lb. and when they meet again at Newbury in the Spring Cup on Saturday, April 13, Nicholas Nickleby will be receiving 4 lb. for his relative improvement in the Strange Conflict 11 lb. and Strange Conflict won three races last season.

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LANGUAGE OF ASIAN BEES

Communication By Means Of Various Dances

By PETER JOHNSON

Munich, Apr. 10.

Some of Asia's bees have as highly developed a "language" as their European cousins, but others are comparatively "backward," according to a German scientist, Dr Martin Lindauer, of Munich University.

Dr Lindauer spent six months in Ceylon to find out whether Asian bees could, like those of Europe, pass exact information to their fellows about the whereabouts of food by means of dances.

Dr Lindauer, who is 39, is a former pupil and now is colleague at Munich University of 70-year-old Professor Karl von Frisch, the first man to decipher the dance language of bees.

In experiments lasting from about 1920 to about 1950, Professor Frisch found that European bees (Apis mellifica), also found in Africa and the Americas, perform dances indicating accurately the distance between the hive and the food they have found, and the bearing of the food from the sun when looked at from the hive.

Small Circles

By moving about artificial food, usually sugar-water, Professor Frisch discovered that if the food was within about 55 yards from the hive, the bees would dance in small circles on the vertical side of a honeycomb inside the dark hive, reversing direction from time to time. In such cases, perhaps because the food was near, the bees did not bother to indicate its direction. Their dance just meant: "Food is near." Other bees could tell what sort of food by smelling it on the dancing bees. In the darkness of the hive they felt the figures of the dance with their antennae.

If food was gradually moved further away, the dance would gradually change to a kind of semicircle performed in a straight line with the dancing bees wagging their tails horizontally. After completing the straight line, usually about one inch and a quarter long, the bees would return to the start of it by moving in a semi-circle without any tail-wagging.

By observing bees inside artificially illuminated hives, and changing the position of food, Professor Frisch discovered that if the bees moved straight up the vertical honeycomb during their wagtail course, they were telling their fellows that to find food they must fly straight towards the sun. If the wagtail line was 30 degrees to the left of vertical, then the food was to be found 30 degrees to the left of the sun. In other words, the vertical pull of gravity was being used as an axis from which to show the different bearings.

Wagtail

At the same time, Professor Frisch discovered that the dance of bees was far from simple. It was a straight line eight times in 15 seconds, for example, the food was about 220 yards away. But if the dancers speeded up to ten times in 15 seconds, it meant that there was something sweet about 110 yards away. If the honeycomb was brought into the open and turned on its side, the bees stopped using gravity. Instead, they looked at the sun, remembered where the food was in relation to it, and made their wagtail straight in a line pointing directly at the food.

Dr Lindauer, who went to Ceylon in 1955 on a Rockefeller Foundation grant, experimented first with Apis indica, the Asian bee which most closely resembles the European variety.

At first, their dance seemed the same. But soon he found that the wagtail figure did not start its change-over to the round dance until food was moved nearer than 16 feet from the hive.

In a recent report, "Communication between Indian Bees," Dr Lindauer said that so far as direction was concerned, European and Indian bees should be able to understand each other's dances, but for signalling distance the speed scales were different. While in Germany an wagtail straight figure in 15 seconds meant food about 110 yards away, it meant only 22 yards away for Apis indica.

Dr Lindauer explained that he believed that this was because European bees are known to have flown as far as seven miles from their hives,

while the flight radius of Apis indica appeared to be no more than half a mile.

Primitive Variety

Dr Lindauer also experimented with the Indian dwarf honey bee, Apis florea, a more primitive variety, which builds its hive consisting of a single exposed honeycomb with a breeding chamber beneath it, around the thin branch of a tree. Before he made his experiments, scientists did not know whether this bee danced at all. He discovered that their "dance floor" was a small horizontal area of the top of the honeycomb, extending sometimes to the backs of bees clustering on it.

By moving a hive into different positions, Dr Lindauer found that this bee could show distance and bearing of food only while dancing on the horizontal surface outside. If the bees prevented from using a horizontal surface, the dance becomes confused and "unreadable." Dr Lindauer concluded that the earlier horizontal dance, in which the wagtail straight points directly at the food, probably originated earlier in the development of the bee family than the vertical dance. The Apis florea, he found, also had a different tempo for indicating distance.

Speed Scale

Dr Lindauer also "tested" the giant Indian honey bee (Apis dorsata), which is about as big as the European hornet. Their single honeycomb hives are suspended from some convenient object, but always with a good view of the sky. These bees, Dr Lindauer found, danced outside on a vertical side of the comb which faced the sky, but used the up-and-down gravity axis to show the bearing of food from the sun, just as European bees and the Apis indica do in the dark. Like the other bees, they indicated distance by means of a varying speed scale.

After his experiments with bees, Dr Lindauer decided to try to find out whether insects similar to bees also perform these dances. He has now gone to Brazil to test the dance ability of a number of varieties of Trigona, commonly called the stingless bee, a more primitive insect than the bee proper.—China Mail Special.

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TELEPHONE OF THE FUTURE?



DEDIJER GETS PASSPORT

Belgrade, Apr. 10.
Vladimir Dedić, former Yugoslav Communist leader who was given a six-month suspended prison sentence in 1955 for propaganda against the state, has been granted a passport to go to Sweden for a series of lectures, it was learned today.

A close friend of Milovan Djilas, who was sentenced to three years in prison for press interviews said to have jeopardised Yugoslav interests, Dedić was expelled from the Communist Party Central Committee in 1954.

He is to remain abroad for four weeks, and may also visit France, Belgium and Germany.—France-Press.

Trade Bar Not Lifted

London, Apr. 10.
A Foreign Office spokesman today denied an American press report that the British Government had completely lifted the embargo on British exports to North Korea.

The measures announced by the Board of Trade at the end of February concerning trade with North Korea were only taken "to bring the licensing procedure for North Korea into line with that for China and to remove certain anomalies," the spokesman said.

British exports to North Korea would come under control measures as strict as those applied to Communist China, and they would not include "any item of strategic significance," the spokesman said.—France-Press.

FORMER BURMESE PREMIER TESTED

Boston, Apr. 10.
Deputy Premier U Ba Swe of Burma underwent more tests today at Massachusetts General Hospital.

The former Premier came here on Sunday for a medical check-up. A hospital spokesman has refused to disclose the nature of his ailment.—United Press.

JAMAICAN HOUSE OF LEGENDS OPENS SHORTLY

Kingston, Apr. 10.

Visitors to Jamaica will soon walk the halls where once the cream of Jamaica's planters gathered in revelry, and the cellars from which once came the screams of tortured slaves.

The five-and-a-half thousand acre Rose Hall Estate on the north coast, with its six miles of sea frontage, crumbling Great House, sugar plantation and factory has been bought for \$250,000 by Jamaican and American interests in a syndicate headed by the Kerr-Jarrett family of Montego Bay, from a family of retired British businessmen.

The deal is described by the purchasers as a "marriage of tourist development and cane operations."

Romantic Stories

Nearly £2,000,000 will be spent by the investors on developing the estate as a major tourist attraction. In the Montego Bay resort area plans include restoration of the 200-year-old Great House round which centre some of the most romantic and horrible stories from Jamaica's past.

The House, named after its first mistress, Rose Palmer, wife of the Honourable John Palmer, Custos of Saint James's Parish, is surrounded by legends in which it is difficult, today, to distinguish truth from fiction.

Its legendary history began when the magnificently-tilted building of white cut stone and choice native hardwoods polished and carved and gilded, passed to an heir, named John Rose Palmer, who took as his wife the beautiful and passionate Annee Mary Patterson.

By all accounts, the first mistress of the House, Mrs Rose Palmer, was a gentle person who, in a monument to her memory in the Church of St James, Montego Bay, is described by her husband thus: "Her manners were open, cheerful and agreeable...she was faithful to her friends and being blessed with a plentiful fortune, hospitality dwelt with her."

Debauchee

In strong contrast was Mrs Annee Palmer, an insatiable debauchee, who inflicted atrocious tortures upon her slaves and murdered her first and other husbands. Legend has it that she really tired of her consorts in orgies and in fits of self-reproach liquidated them. Her playthings of pleasure were some of the slaves who walked her treadmills.

Disipation drove her to a madness which ended only when her slaves beat her to death one morning in one of the torture chambers of the Great House and threw her body on to her great, ornate bed.

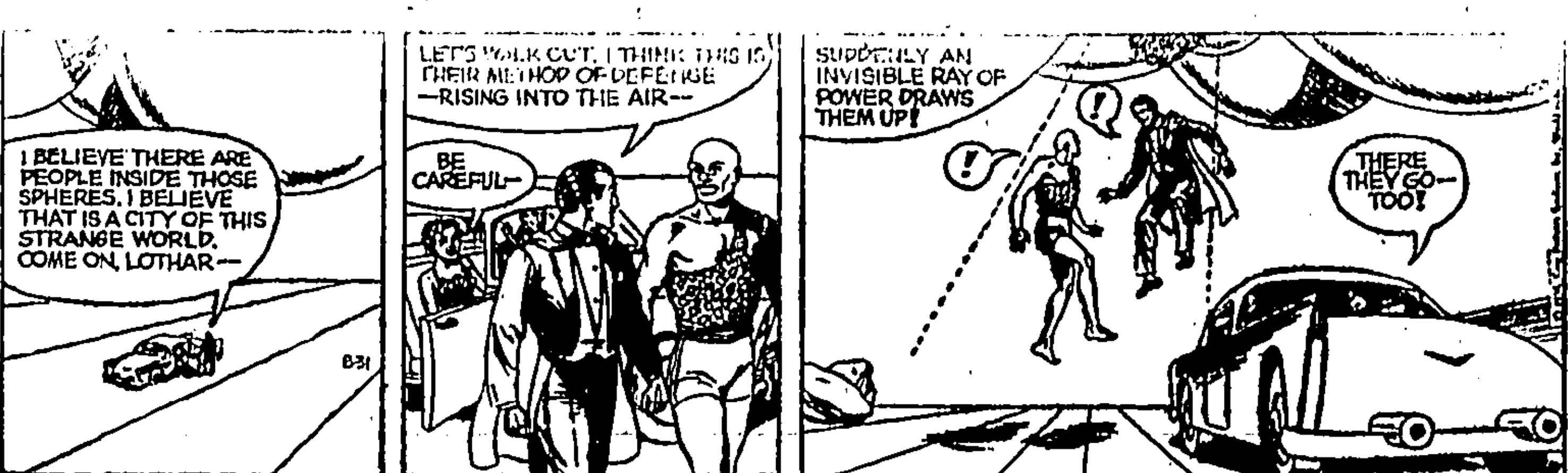
The plot of the most successful work of the West Indian novelist, Herbert George DeLisser, entitled "White Witch of Rose Hall" is laid in the legend of the infamous Annee Palmer and the Great House.—China Mail Special.

Restrictions On Pearlers

Canberra, Apr. 10.
Limits will be placed on the activities of Japanese pearlers operating off the northern coast of Australia this year, Mr McMahon, the Minister of Primary Industry, said today. This was to conserve pearl and resources in certain areas. The pearlers this year would operate under the provisional regime set up by the Governments of Australia and Japan.—Reuter.

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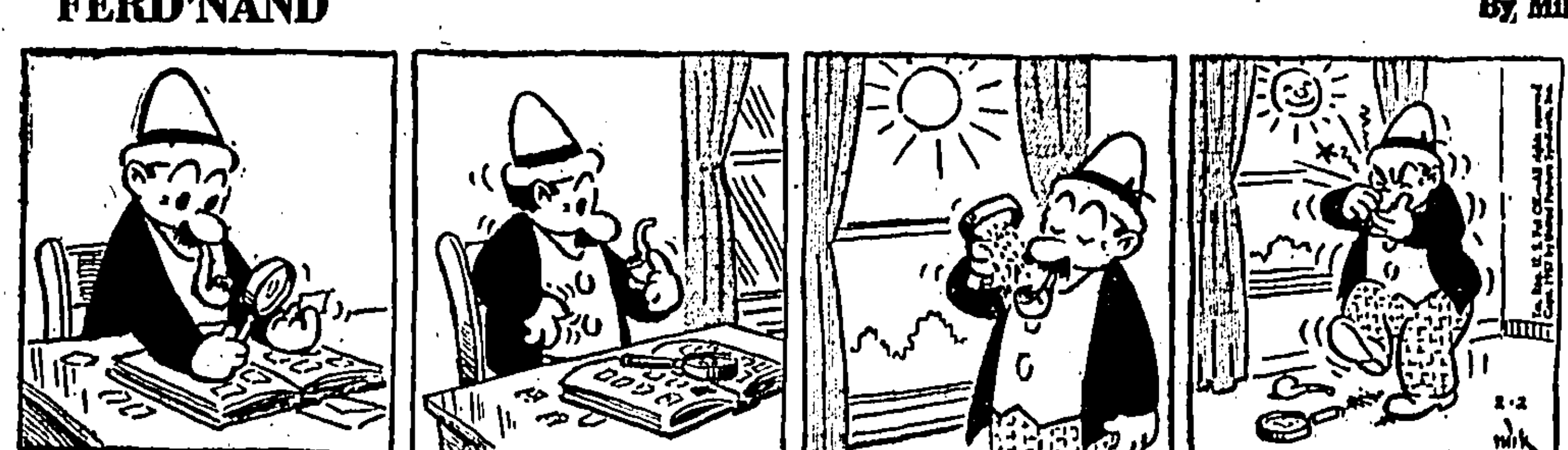
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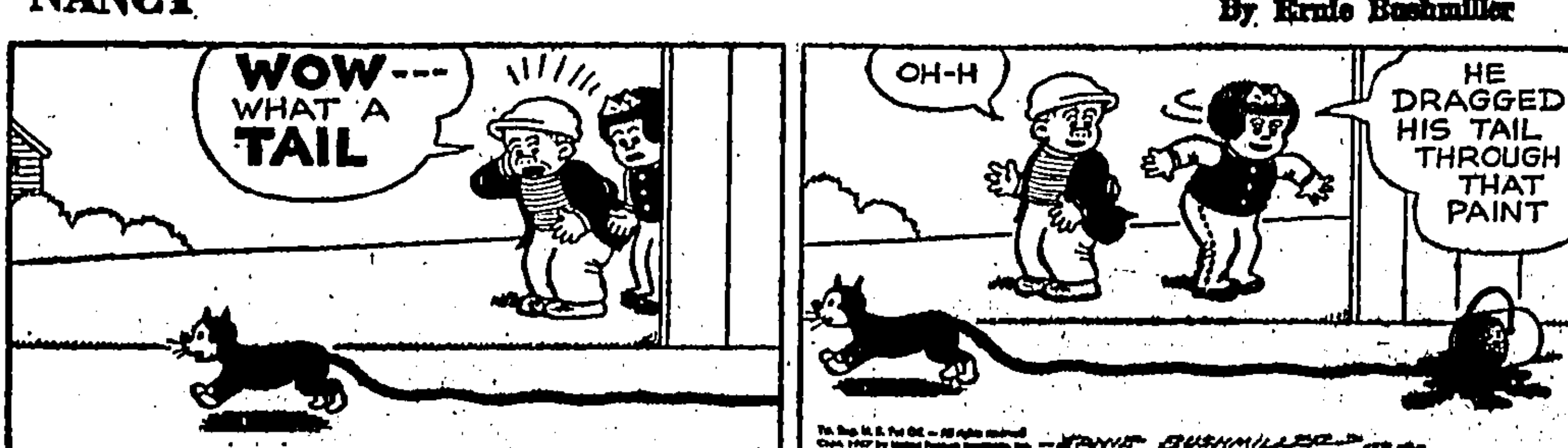
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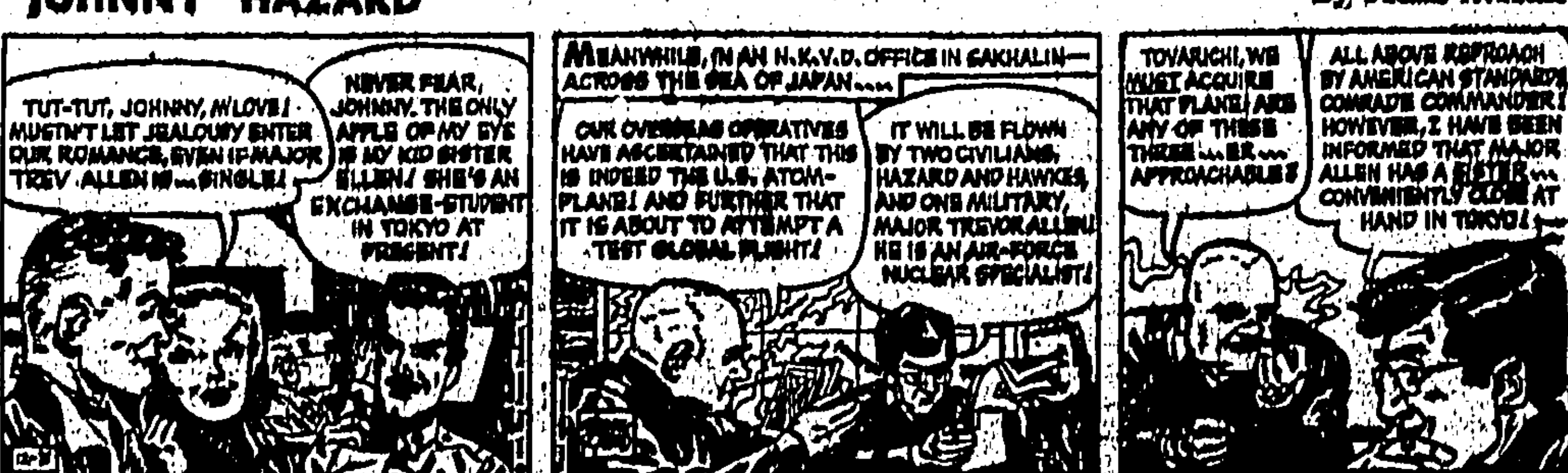
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